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In response to your communication mailed December 8, 2003, attached is a copy of the executed Amendment that was filed in the USPTO on September 16, 2003.

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Applicant(s) : Takefumi Nagumo et al.
 Serial No. : 09/699,209
 Filed : October 27, 2000
 For : SIGNAL PROCESSING DEVICE, SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD, DECODING DEVICE, DECODING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	38	Minus	** =20	* 8 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 144.00
Independent claims	6	Minus	*** =6	* 0 x	\$34 (42)	\$ 0
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